

Claim 1 presently reads:

- 5 1. (previously amended) A container for storing and dispensing consumer products,  
comprising:
- a tray having a generally planar top surface into which has been formed one or more  
discrete cavities for receiving the consumer products; and
- a cover film to be secured to the generally planar top surface of the tray to seal the  
10 one or more cavities to retain the consumer products in the one or more cavities;
- the cover film having pre-formed tear lines defining a tear-off portion corresponding  
to the periphery of the or each cavity to retain the consumer products in that cavity until it is  
removed by tearing along its tear lines, the or each tear-off portion of the cover film having  
an associated lug portion not secured to the tray in use, for gripping by a consumer
- 15 preparatory to tearing off the said tear-off portion;

CHARACTERISED IN THAT the top surface of the tray has an upwardly extending  
protrusion positioned to be located beneath the or each lug portion in use to bend that lug  
portion upwardly out of the plane of the reminder of the cover film when the cover film is  
secured to the generally planar top surface of the tray.

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It is proposed to amend claim 1 to read instead:

1. (as proposed to be amended) A container for storing and  
dispensing consumer products, comprising:
- 25 a tray having a generally planar top surface into which has  
been formed one or more discrete cavities for receiving the  
consumer products; and
- a cover film to be secured to the generally planar top  
surface of the tray to seal the one or more cavities to retain
- 30 the consumer products in the one or more cavities;

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the cover film having pre-formed tear lines defining a  
respective tear-off portion corresponding to the periphery of  
one or more cavities [the or each cavity] to retain the consumer  
products in [that] the respective cavity until the tear-off  
5 portion [it] is removed by tearing along its tear lines, the  
respective [or each] tear-off portion of the cover film having a  
respective [an] associated lug portion not secured to the tray  
in use, for gripping by a consumer preparatory to tearing off  
the respective [said] tear-off portion;

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CHARACTERISED IN THAT the top surface of the tray, prior to  
the application of the cover film, has an upwardly extending  
projection positioned to be located underneath the respective  
[or each] lug portion in use to bend that lug portion upwardly  
15 out of the plane of the remainder of the cover film when the  
cover film is [secured] applied to the tray to secure it to the  
generally planar top surface of the tray to retain the consumer  
products in the one or more cavities.

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